

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to enhance safety and add capacity by adding left turn lanes on Ladysmith Road from the intersection of Route 1 to 0.35 miles east of Route 1.

All roadway widening is anticipated to be accomplished on the north side of Route 639 (Ladysmith Road) with right turn lanes being replaced at the existing entrance of Wright's Chapel Church, Center Drive and the shopping center. Construction will occur on the south side of Route 639 primarily for the increased shoulder width and storm water management requirements

Left turns from eastbound Route 639 will be accommodated with a universal left turn. This approach will allow left turns from westbound Route 639 should the land to the south become developed.

The typical section will consist of 12' and 14' lanes with a sidewalk with curb and gutter on the north side of Route 639. A typical shoulder section will be constructed on the south side. Accommodations are being made for bicycles

within the project in the north and southbound directions

The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, and VDOT specifications and special provisions. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

Stormwater Management (SWM) – Design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, the Stormwater Management Regulations, and the annual Stormwater Management Standards and Specifications approved by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. At present this project requires installation of three SWM basins.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:
\$2,833, 668.00
Engineering of Roadway Plans:
\$455,031
Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:
\$1,139,605
Construction:
\$1,239,032

This cost is subject to change because development of the project is in early design stages. The project will be financed using federal funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Fredericksburg District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Categorical Exclusion has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:
design hearing and
comment period – October 27 – November 7, 2011
Approval of location and design – December 2011
Advertise for construction – January 2013

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed in this brochure.

Right of Way

The improvements on Route 639 (Ladysmith Road) will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations; however it will require the displacement of one unoccupied wood frame building.

As we further develop and finalize the development of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT right of way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Get Involved

Ten days after this public hearing, on November 7, 2011, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the citizen information meeting. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed below. After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to consider the proposed location for the project. If a location is approved by the CTB, the major design features will then be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for approval.

Project information shared here is available for review after the location and design meeting at VDOT's Fredericksburg District Office located at 87 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to fredericksburginfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (November 7, 2011) in order to be included in the location and design public hearing record.

Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

Route 639
(Ladysmith Road)
Caroline County

Thursday, October 27, 2011, 4-7 p.m.
Madison Elementary School, 9075 Chance Place
Ruther Glen, VA 22546

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on proposed improvements to Route 639 (Ladysmith Road) in Caroline County. These improvements will begin at the intersection of Route 1 and end 0.35 miles east of the intersection of Route 1.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on

transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's chief engineer for consideration.

Project Overview



Route 639 Ladysmith Road Caroline County

- Anticipated Cost – \$2,833,688
- Purpose – To enhance safety
- From – Intersection of Route 1
- To – 0.35 miles east of the intersection of Route 1
- Total length – 0.35 mile
- Improvements – Adding left and right turn lanes